

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

By the present amendment, allowed claims 3, 12, 28, 29, 31, 33, 61, and 65 have been written in independent form and are believed allowable. In addition, the limitations of allowed claim 38 have been incorporated into claim 36 which has been written in independent form. All of the dependent claims in the application depend either directly or indirectly from the allowed claims. In addition, claims 1, 2, 15-18, 26, 30, 35, 38, 42-57, and 68 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action, a number of claims have been rejected as unpatentable over Thomas et al. in view of Trautloff et al.; over Ostergaard in view of Trautloff et al.; over Ostergaard in view of Trautloff et al. and further in view of Kent; over Ostergaard in view of Trautloff et al., and further in view of Lockhart et al.; over Thomas et al. in view of Trautloff et al. and further in view of Ostergaard; and over Ostergaard in view of Trautloff et al. and further in view of Crouser et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

However, the rejections are moot because Applicants have cancelled the rejected independent claims and rewritten dependent allowable claims in independent form. All dependent claims depend from an allowed independent claim. We believe that all of the claims presently in the application are free from rejection of any sort. The cancelled claims have been cancelled without prejudice to filing a continuation on the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Early notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

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